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1. POST HAS RECEIVED ADDITIONAL INFO INCLUDED BELOW RE PNG
LAWS GOVERNING IMPORTATION AND CONTROL OF ARMS:

(A) FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE PROHIBITED IMPORTS INTO
PAPUA NEW GUINEA UNDER CUSTOMS (PROHIBITED IMPORTS)
REGULATIONS WHICH VESTS AUTHORITY IN THE COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE TO ISSUE NECESSARY APPROVALS TO IMPORT BEFORE CUSTOMS
DEPARTMENT WILL ALLOW THE GOODS TO BE ENTERED FOR HOME
CONSUMPTION.

(B) AUTHORITY TO APPROVE IMPORTS IS EXERCISED BY POLICE
STATION COMMANDERS AT POINTS OF ENTRY TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA
UNDER DELEGATIONS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

(C) COMMERCIAL CONSIGNEES MUST BE PROPERLY LICENSED GUN
DEALERS OR AMMUNITION DEALERS. PRIVATE CONSIGNEES MUST BE
ELIGIBLE FOR ISSUE OF RELEVANT FIREARMS LICENCE BEFORE
IMPORT IS ALLOWED.

(D) ALL FIREARMS PURCHASED FROM COMMERCIAL GUN DEALERS
REQUIRE A POLICE ISSUED "PERMIT TO BUY" BEFORE THE TRANSACTION
CAN BE COMPLETED.

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GUN AND AMMUNITION DEALERS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW, TO RECORD

AND REPORT SALES AND ALL OWNERS OF FIREARMS ARE REQUIRED
TO HOLD A CURRENT LICENCE FOR EACH WEAPON IN THEIR
POSSESSION.

THE ROYAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSTABULARY IS THE SOLE
LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR FIREARMS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
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